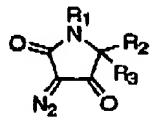
9. (Currently amended) A product prepared according to the process of claim ~~26~~ 28.

10. (Previously presented) A product prepared according to the process of claim 3.

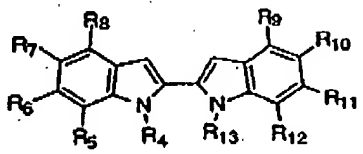
11. (Currently amended) A process according to claim ~~26~~ 29 wherein the furanosylated indolocarbazole prepared is K252a.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Currently amended) A process according to claim ~~26~~ 28 wherein the indolocarbazole is prepared by reacting a diazo compound having the ring structure



with a biindole having the ring structure



14. (Original) A process according to claim 13 wherein the reaction is carried out in the presence of a transition metal catalyst in a solvent capable of solvating the reactants.

15. (Original) A process according to claim 13 wherein the coupling reaction is carried out in the presence of a $Rh_2(OAc)_4$ catalyst.

16. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 13 wherein the diazo compound is a diazolactam and the biindole is a 2,2'-biindole.

Claims 17-18: (Canceled)

19. (Currently amended) A process according to claim ~~27~~ 30 wherein the furanosylated indolocarbazole prepared is K252a.

20. (Currently amended) A product produced by the process of claim ~~27~~ 30.

21. (Currently amended) A process according to claim ~~26~~ 28 wherein the indolocarbazole is reacted with an acetal under conditions that promote acetal exchange.

22. (Previously presented) A process according to claim 3 wherein the preparation is carried out in the presence of a Lewis acid.

23. (Currently amended) A process according to claim ~~27~~ 30 wherein the biindole is a 2,2' – biindole.

24. (Currently amended) A process according to claim ~~27~~ 30 wherein a Lewis acid is employed.

Claims 25-27. (Canceled)

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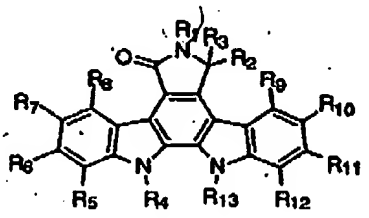
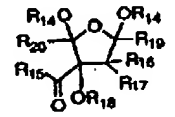
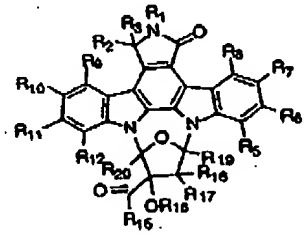
Claim 28. (New) A process for the preparation of furanosylated indolocarbazoles by reacting an indolocarbazole having the ring structure



with an acetal having the structure



under conditions that promote acetal exchange or formation to produce a furanosylated product having the ring structure



wherein:

$R_1$ is selected from the group consisting of 3,4-DMB, PMB, Bn, and t-Bu;

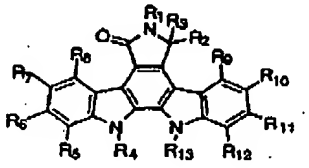
$R_2$-$R_4$, $R_6$-$R_{13}$, and $R_{16}$-$R_{19}$ are hydrogen;

$R_5$ is hydrogen;

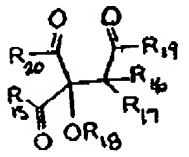
$R_{14}$ and $R_{20}$ are $CH_3$, and

$R_{15}$ is $OCH_3$.

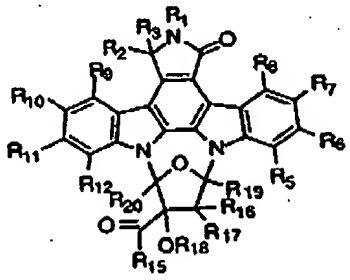
Claim 29. (New) A process for the preparation of furanosylated indolocarbazoles by reacting an indolocarbazole having the ring structure



with an acetal having the structure



under conditions that promote acetal exchange or formation to produce a furanosylated product having the ring structure



wherein:

$R_1$ is selected from the group consisting of 3,4-DMB, PMB, Bn, and t-Bu;

$R_2$-$R_4$, $R_6$-$R_{13}$, and $R_{16}$-$R_{19}$ are hydrogen;

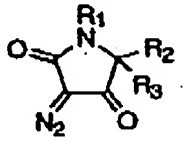
$R_5$ is $CH_3$ or hydrogen;

$R_{14}$ and $R_{20}$ are $CH_3$, and

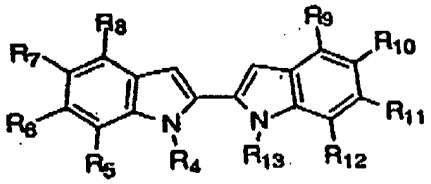
$R_{15}$ is $OCH_3$.

Claim 30. (New) A process for the preparation of furanosylated indolocarbazoles comprising:

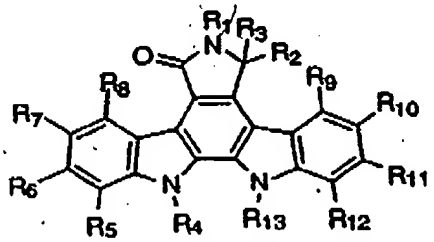
reacting a diazo compound having the ring structure



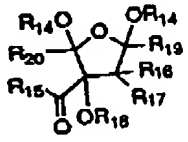
with a biindole having the ring structure



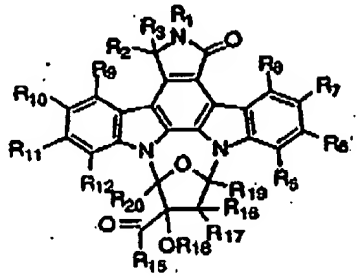
in the presence of a transition metal catalyst in a solvent capable of solvating the reactants, to produce an indolocarbazole having the ring structure



and then reacting the indolocarbazole with an acetal having the structure



to produce a furanosylated product having the ring structure



wherein:

$R_1$ is selected from the group consisting of 3,4-DMB, PMB, Bn, and t-Bu;

$R_2$-$R_4$, $R_6$-$R_{13}$, and $R_{16}$-$R_{19}$ are hydrogen;

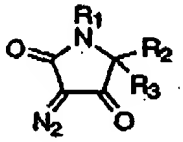
$R_5$ is hydrogen;

$R_{14}$ and $R_{20}$ are $CH_3$, and

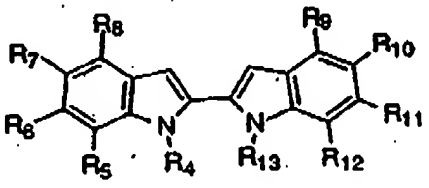
$R_{15}$ is $OCH_3$.

Claim 31. (New) A process for the preparation of furanosylated indolocarbazoles comprising:

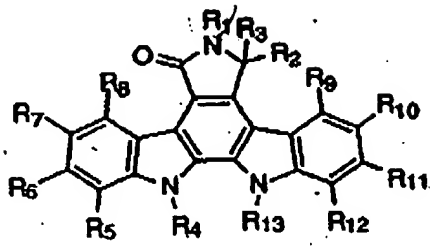
reacting a diazo compound having the ring structure



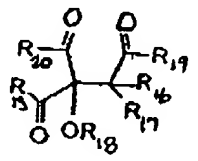
with a biindole having the ring structure



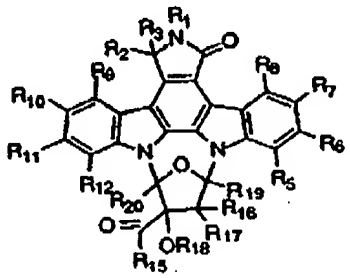
in the presence of a transition metal catalyst in a solvent capable of solvating the reactants, to produce an indolocarbazole having the ring structure



and then reacting the indolocarbazole with an acetal having the structure



to produce a furanosylated product having the ring structure



wherein:

$R_1$ is selected from the group consisting of 3,4-DMB, PMB, Bn, and t-Bu;

$R_2$-$R_4$, $R_6$-$R_{13}$, and $R_{16}$-$R_{19}$ are hydrogen;

$R_5$ is $CH_3$ or hydrogen;

$R_{14}$ and $R_{20}$ are $CH_3$, and

$R_{15}$ is $OCH_3$.

Claim 32. (New) A process according to claim 28 wherein said preparation is carried out in the presence of a Bronstead acid or a Lewis acid.

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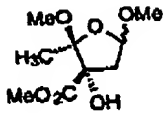
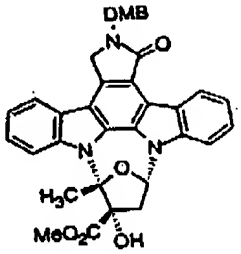
Claim 33. (New) A process according to claim 29 wherein the acetal is a furanose of the formula



and is reacted with DMB-protected K252c to give two products of the formulae



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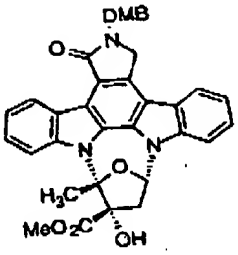
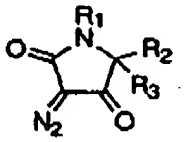
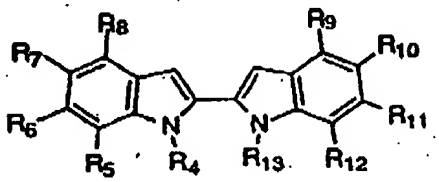


Claim 34. (New) A process according to claim 29 wherein the indolocarbazole is prepared by reacting a diazo compound having the ring structure



with a biindole having the ring structure



Claim 35. (New) A process according to claim 34 wherein the reaction is carried out in the presence of a transition metal catalyst in a solvent capable of solvating the reactants.

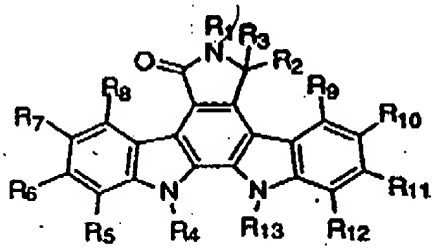
Claim 36. (New) A process according to claim 34 wherein the coupling reaction is carried out in the presence of a $Rh_2(OAc)_4$ catalyst.

Claim 37. (New) A process according to claim 34 wherein the diazo compound is a diazolactam and the biindole is a 2,2'-biindole.

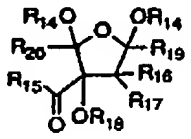
Claim 38. (New) A process according to claim 31 wherein the biindole is a 2,2' – biindole.

Claim 39. (New) A process according to claim 31 wherein a Lewis acid is employed.

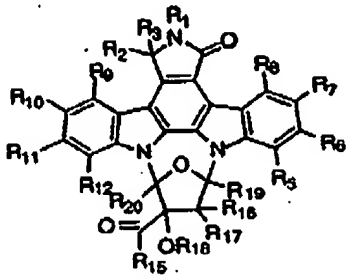
Claim 40. (New) A process for the preparation of furanosylated indolocarbazoles by reacting an indolocarbazole having the ring structure




with an acetal having the structure



under conditions that promote acetal exchange or formation to produce a furanosylated product having the ring structure



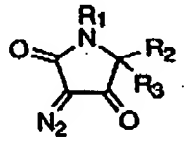
wherein:

$R_1$-$R_{19}$ are selected from the group consisting of unsaturated, branched, linear or cyclic alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, and heteroaryl groups; and mixtures of the foregoing, wherein hetero refers to O, S, N, or P; and

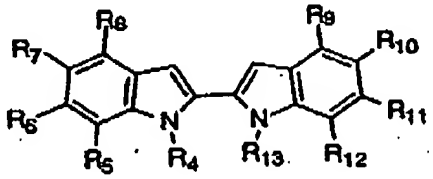
$R_{20}$ is $CH_3$.

Claim 41. (New) A process for the preparation of furanosylated indolocarbazoles comprising:

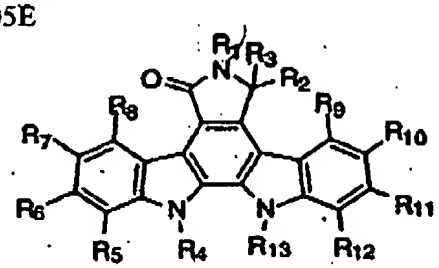
reacting a diazo compound having the ring structure



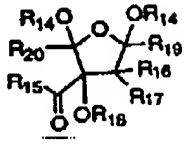
with a biindole having the ring structure



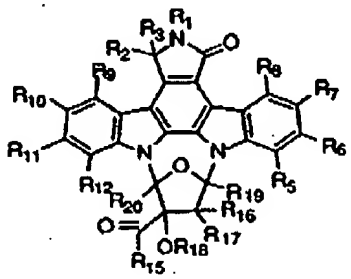
in the presence of a transition metal catalyst in a solvent capable of solvating the reactants, to produce an indolocarbazole having the ring structure



and then reacting the indolocarbazole with an acetal having the structure



to produce a furanosylated product having the ring structure



wherein:

$R_1$-$R_{19}$ are selected from the group consisting of unsaturated, branched, linear or cyclic alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, and heteroaryl groups; and mixtures of the foregoing, wherein hetero refers to O, S, N, or P; and

$R_{20}$ is $CH_3$.